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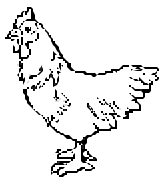
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak in the East, steady with caution elsewhere. Retail demand was slow to fair with limited interest. Food service was light to good aided by fast food specials and activities related to the upcoming football playoffs in St. Louis. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate and at times discounted to help move. In the parts structure, trading was light. Wings were readily available, occasionally at lower prices, and the remaining items were more than sufficient for needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 63.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.50 cents last year on January 24, 2001.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	180.50
BREASTS - B/S	130.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	60.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	86.00
LEG QUARTERS	28.50
WINGS	95.00

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand into all channels was slow and unaggressive to at times moderate into food service for fast food promotions. Supplies were more than sufficient to satisfy limited trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed, but mostly no better than moderate with supplies at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to cautiously steady. Offerings of additional product were fully sufficient on heavy sized birds and adequate on lighter weight product. Buyer's interest noted as waning and generally satisfied through regular commitments. Movement into all sectors was irregular with retail demand slow to fair and food service movement light to fairly good. Best demand noted where fast food promotions were active and the St. Louis area reported increased food service orders for activities surrounding football playoffs. Floor stocks were at least adequate with sizes mostly desirable. Trading on parts items was generally light, although good interest for wings in the St. Louis area reported. Supplies of all items were adequate or available for current trade needs with wings more available and breast items inventories fully adequate. The market tone was steady on dark meat items and about steady on remaining items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate and available at discounted levels. Movement through retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were at least adequate and boneless-skinless breasts were fully sufficient. Legs and leg quarters were fully adequate. Wings were ample.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Offerings were easily adequate for current needs. Retailer demand was good where features in progress elsewhere moderate. Floor stocks in good balance.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
WEEK ENDING 01/19/02	2002	2001	
EGGS SET	181,875	179,208	+01%
CHICKS PLACED	149,066	142,278	-04%
19 State Total			
EGGS SET	203,713	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	168,036	-	-

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 182 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 19, 2002. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 149 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 19, 2002. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through January 19, 2002 were 447 million, up 4 percent the same period a year earlier.

Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 19, 2002. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 19, 2002.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 02-Mar-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 153.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 151.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 149.5 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.64 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	872	110.00-175.00	120-125	128.48
TENDERLOINS	100	105.00-190.00	-	130.50
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	22.50-26.00	23-24	23.22
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,220	25.00-29.50	26-28	27.07
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	93.00-99.00	93-95	95.07
WINGS (CUT)	370	106.00-119.00	106-108	109.68
DRUMSTICKS	66	47.00-49.50	-	49.27
THIGHS	26	47.00-50.50	48-49	49.69
B/S THIGHS	30	84.00-87.00	-	86.00

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JANUARY 23, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	40.00 - 43.75	40.87	42.59

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity ranged light to no better than fair during midweek trading as dealers remained cautious and selective and were unwilling to extend floorstocks beyond most immediate needs. Offerings of bone-in breasts were at least adequate and boneless-skinless breasts were available. Legs and leg quarters were fully sufficient. Wings were readily available at discounted levels. Movement through retail and distributive channels was only fair at best. The market tone was barely steady to weak on legs and wings, no better than steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

JANUARY 23, 2002

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120	124.58	388,970
TENDERLOINS	100	101.39	59,930
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	64.23	207,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	58.13	138,760
LEGS	38-39	36.45	219,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	25.86	235,091
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	41.46	130,070
THIGHS	28-29	35.01	107,910
B/S THIGHS	85-86	86.00	50,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94	103.19	318,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.95	42,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	36.34	10,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	57.61	37,200

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)									SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY		
	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG	ACTUAL		AVG	<u>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</u>		<u>RANGE</u>
			WTS			WTS					
	01/23	01/22	01/21	01/18	01/21	01/18	01/16	01/14			
ALA	3,671	4,016	2,621	4,101	4.80	4.93	3,671	5.05	FRESH FRYERS		84-86
ARK	5,308	5,293	5,158	5,449	5.09	4.83	5,261	5.08	ROASTERS 4# & UP		71-90
DELMARVA	2,352	2,338	813	2,999	5.59	5.03	2,371	5.33	HENS UNDER 5#		-
KY-LA-TN	1,912	1,971	1,592	2,029	4.58	4.64	1,895	4.61	HENS OVER 5#		-
MISS	2,586	2,511	1,374	2,824	4.52	5.04	2,814	5.25	DUCKS		139
NC	2,687	2,691	1,717	3,133	6.15	5.88	2,638	6.17	RABBITS-WHOLE		-
TEXAS	2,383	2,386	2,098	2,434	4.76	4.75	2,393	5.00	RABBITS-CUT UP		-
TOTAL	20,899	21,206	15,373	22,969	5.04	5.02	21,043	5.20	<u>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY</u>		
MON-WED	57,427	(A)				40.12	63,593	(A)	<u>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</u>		
(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.									FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	95-102
Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Jan 02 and is										ICE PACK	93-94
estimated to be 31,267,000 down 0.98 percent from a week ago and									ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	113
up 1.3 percent from a year ago.										ICE PACK	104-113
(Last week 31,577,000; last year 30,865,000)									HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	91
										ICE PACK	98
									DUCKS		152-166

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

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(Last week 31,577,000; last year 30,865,000)

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING JAN 26-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/26/02 (1)	01/19/02
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	151,760 (2)	162,400
LT HENS	1,935	2,138
HVY HENS	1,342	1,470
CHECK TOTAL	155,037	166,008

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Jan-02 is 155.7 million head compared to 158.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 152.1 million head or 3.6 million less than estimated available. For week of 02-Feb-02 the estimated available is 157.4 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 21-Jan-02	101,757	73,163
AM 1-Jan-02	77,538	71,974
CHG	24,219	1,189
PCT CHG	31	2

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/21/02	01/14/02	01/22/01	01/21/02	01/14/02	01/22/01
PACIFIC						
COAST	5,258	5,349	4,554	3,529	3,463	5,628
LOS						
ANGELES	125	126	102	2,063	1,849	2,104

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2002

	RANGE	
	LOW	HIGH
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58	60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60	69
HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 1/22/02		
	LOW	HIGH
HEAVY FOWL lb..501.501.13HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	4.25
LIGHT FOWL lb. -.65 -LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	3.50
MIXED FOWL lb. - -MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb. - -BANTAMS ea.	2.10	3.75
BROILERS lb. .50 .60 .56BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb. - -ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb. - -FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb. - -CHICKS ea.	.25	.40
PULLETS lb. -4.75 -PULLETS ea.	4.25	5.50
BUNNIES lb. - -BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.1.101.701.39ROOSTERS ea.	1.50	6.00
GEESE lb. -1.40 -GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb. - -TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb. 1.101.70 1.49DUCKS ea.	-	4.00
RABBITS lb. 1.201.85 1.61RABBITS ea.	.50	6.00
PIGEONS lb. - -PIGEONS ea.	3.00	7.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.- -GUINEA FOWL ea.	2.00	6.25
DUCKLINGS lb. - -DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea. - -CALL DUCKS ea.-	-	-
SILKIES lb. - -SILKIES ea.	-	4.25
GOSLINGS ea. - -GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 126

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending January 18, 2002

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	
	<u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>& Wings</u>	<u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	44.83	129.50	79.69	19.92	19.92	44.83
High	59.77	139.46	89.65	24.90	24.90	44.83
Mostly	54.79	139.46	79.69	19.92	19.92	44.83

SAN JUAN

Low	56.78	134.48	79.69	29.88	14.94	49.81
High	64.75	144.44	89.65	37.36	19.92	49.81
Mostly	63.75	134.48	82.18	32.38	16.44	49.81

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	43.83	129.50	79.69	14.94	19.92	44.83
High	58.77	139.46	89.65	24.90	24.90	44.83
Mostly	54.79	139.46	79.69	19.92	19.92	44.83

BECERRA

Low	62.26	129.50	84.67	34.87	17.43	52.30
High	64.75	139.46	94.63	44.83	19.92	52.30
Mostly	64.25	134.48	84.67	37.36	17.43	52.30

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds and parts remained generally slow. Offerings of both whole birds and most parts were available; however, buyer interest was limited. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 55 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was weak on whole birds; barely steady to weak on the bulk of parts.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

RANGE	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
	49-71	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.70	
NO. OF BOXES	8,658	

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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